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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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~~PROPOSED~~ **ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR SETTLEMENT
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES FROM SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, Class Plaintiffs have entered into and executed Stipulations and Agreements of Settlement that are attached as Exhibits 1 to 9, Exhibits 1 to 5, and Exhibit 1 to the Declarations of Christopher M. Burke and Michael D. Hausfeld in Support of Class Plaintiffs' Motions for Preliminary Approval of Settlement Agreements (ECF Nos. 481, 822, 877) (each a "Settlement Agreement" and collectively, the "Settlement Agreements") with Bank of America Corporation, Bank of America, N.A., and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Bank of America"); Barclays Bank PLC and Barclays Capital Inc. ("Barclays"); BNP Paribas Group, BNP Paribas North America Inc., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., and BNP Prime Brokerage, Inc. ("BNP Paribas"); Citigroup Inc., Citibank, N.A., Citicorp, and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ("Citigroup"); The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"); HSBC Holdings PLC, HSBC Bank PLC, HSBC North America Holdings Inc., HSBC Bank USA, N.A., and HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. ("HSBC"); JPMorgan Chase & Co. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan"); The Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, and RBS Securities, Inc. ("RBS"); UBS AG, UBS Group AG, and UBS Securities LLC ("UBS"); Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. ("BTMU"); Morgan Stanley, Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc ("Morgan Stanley"); RBC Capital Markets LLC ("RBC"); Société Générale ("Soc Gen"); Standard Chartered Bank ("Standard Chartered"); and Deutsche Bank AG ("Deutsche Bank") (collectively, the "Settling Defendants" and together with Class Plaintiffs, the "Settling Parties");

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2015, September 8, 2017, and September 29, 2017, the Court entered Orders Preliminarily Approving Settlements, Conditionally Certifying the Settlement Classes, and Appointing Class Counsel and Class Representatives for the Settlement Classes (ECF Nos. 536, 866, 882) ("Preliminary Approval Orders");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Preliminary Approval Orders, an escrow account has been established;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Settlement Agreements, settlement funds have been deposited into the escrow account;

WHEREAS, in the Preliminary Approval Orders, the Court ordered that all settlement funds held in the escrow account are considered to be in *custodia legis*, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed pursuant to the Settlement Agreements and further order(s) of the Court;

WHEREAS, in the first Preliminary Approval Order, the Court ordered that all reasonable expenses incurred in identifying and notifying potential Class Members as well as in administering the Settlements (“Settlement Administration Expenses”) should be paid as set forth in the Settlement Agreements up to the sum of \$500,000 and that any such expenses in excess of \$500,000 may be paid only with the approval of the Court (ECF No. 536);

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2015, Class Counsel submitted a letter describing the compensation agreements and budgets for the Claims Administrator and Settlement Administrator (ECF No. 531);

WHEREAS, as set out in letters from Class Counsel, dated October 3, 2016 (ECF No. 670) and November 2, 2016 (ECF No. 677), Class Plaintiffs have paid or incurred reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses exceeding the sum of \$500,000 authorized to be paid from the settlement funds in the first Preliminary Approval Order and sought approval to pay up to an additional \$500,000 from the settlement funds to pay reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses;

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2016, the Court entered an Order authorizing Class Counsel to pay an additional \$500,000 (for a total of \$1,000,000) from the settlement funds for reasonable

Settlement Administration Expenses and that any such expenses in excess of this \$1,000,000 may be paid only with the approval of the Court (ECF No. 698);

WHEREAS, as described in a letter from Class Counsel, dated April 28, 2017, Class Plaintiffs have paid or incurred reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses exceeding the sum of \$1,000,000 and sought approval to pay up to an additional \$1,500,000 from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses (ECF No. 754);

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, the Court entered an Order authorizing Class Counsel to pay an additional \$1,500,000 (for a total of \$2,500,000) from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses and that any such expenses in excess of this \$2,500,000 may be paid only with the approval of the Court (ECF No. 756);

WHEREAS, in the second Preliminary Approval Order, dated September 8, 2017, the Court authorized Class Counsel to pay an additional \$500,000 (for a total of \$3,000,000) from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses and that such further expenses may be paid only with the approval of the Court (ECF No. 866);

WHEREAS, in the third Preliminary Approval Order, dated September 29, 2017, the Court authorized Class Counsel to pay an additional \$500,000 (for a total of \$3,500,000) from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses and that such further expenses may be paid only with the approval of the Court (ECF No. 882);

WHEREAS, as described in a letter from Class Counsel, dated January 17, 2018, Class Plaintiffs have paid or incurred reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses exceeding the sum of \$3,500,000 and sought approval to pay up to an additional \$3,000,000 from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses (ECF No. 943);

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2018, the Court entered an Order authorizing Class Counsel to pay an additional \$3,000,000 (for a total of \$6,500,000) from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses and that any such expenses in excess of this \$6,500,000 may be paid only with the approval of the Court (ECF No. 756);

WHEREAS, as described in a letter from Class Counsel, dated June 19, 2018, Class Plaintiffs have paid or incurred reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses exceeding the sum of \$6,500,000 and sought approval to pay up to an additional \$3,000,000 from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses (ECF No. 1077);

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2018, the Court entered an Order authorizing Class Counsel to pay an additional \$3,000,000 (for a total of \$9,500,000) from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses and that any such expenses in excess of this \$9,500,000 may be paid only with the approval of the Court (ECF No. 1078);

WHEREAS, as described in a letter from Class Counsel, dated October 16, 2018, Class Plaintiffs have paid or incurred reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses exceeding the sum of \$9,500,000 and seek approval to pay up to an additional \$3,000,000 from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

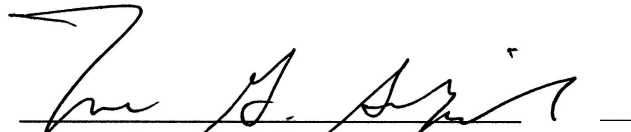
1. All terms in initial capitalization used in this Order shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Settlement Agreements and the Preliminary Approval Orders, unless otherwise defined herein.

2. The Court authorizes Class Counsel to pay up to an additional \$3,000,000 (for a total of \$12,500,000) from the settlement funds for reasonable Settlement Administration Expenses.

3. Any such expenses in excess of this \$12,500,000 may be paid from the settlement funds only with the approval of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: October 17, 2018



LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE